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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
BC Wildfire Service

Sparks Lake wildfire Area Restriction Order Update

KAMLOOPS – The BC Wildfire Service has updated the Area Restriction Order in the vicinity of the Sparks Lake wildfire. The updated area no longer includes the Lac du Bois Provincial Park boundary. This Area Retriction Order change takes effect at noon on July 20, 2021 and will remain in place until noon on October 15, 2021 or until it is rescinded.

The size of the updated Area Restriction Order reflects the continued need to protect the public in areas where there are ongoing fire suppression activities.This order applies to Crown land within the geographic boundaries as outlined on this map: Sparks Lake Wildfire Area Restriction Order Map – July 20, 2021.

Under this order and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted area without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area only in the course of:

- **(a)** Travelling as a person acting in an official capacity;
- **(b)** Travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities;
- **(c)** Travelling to or from his or her principle residence, that is not under an evacuation order;
- **(d)** Travelling to or from private or leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order;
- **(e)** Using a highway as defined in the Highway Act (e.g. Hwy 5),
- **(f)** Engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock or agriculture management on private or leased property.

The Area Restriction Order is in place to keep our first responders, and all British Columbians safe. Please do your part to ensure the safety of your community.

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